

March 3, 2022
In support of Bill 5283

To whom it may concern,

Thank you for the opportunity to share my support for Bill [#5283](#) which secures equal funding for agriculture education. In high school, I was a proud and active member and student in the vocational agriculture program at Northwestern Regional Highschool in Winsted, CT. Not only was I an active member, but I continued my journey by serving as State Sentinel for the Connecticut FFA Association in 2020–2021 and by pursuing a career in Ag Ed by being a student at the University of Connecticut. Agriculture Education shaped my life and molded me into being the confident, leadership oriented, well rounded, career ready person I am today. Agriculture education is vital in the lives of so many students in order for them to get a true feel, passion and understanding for the vast field of agriculture and leadership opportunities that come with it. I believe that equal access to this funding is vital to the future of our up-and-coming generations to appreciate agriculture and carry this industry for years to come. Agriculture is our future and without it many things would simply cease to exist.

Thank you for your consideration in this Bill 5283.

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